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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

- 1. International PCT Patent Application Publication No. WO 00/78225 A1, dated December 28, 2000;
- 2. United States Patent No. 5,312,407, issued to Carter, dated May 17, 1994;

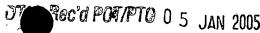
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- 3. United States Patent No. 5,468,244, issued to Attfield et al., dated November 21, 1995; and
- 4. United States Patent No. 5,213,112, issued to Niwa et al., dated May 25, 1993.

The references were cited in the International Search Report of a corresponding International PCT Application. Applicants are submitting a copy of reference number 1. In accordance with the waiver of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(i) in effect as of June 30, 2003, applicants are not required to submit copies of the above-cited U.S. Patent references. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the art provided may be material to the examination of the present application as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

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